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June 24, 1958

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday afternoon, June 24, 1958 at 5 p.m.

The following members were present: Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. Robert Stephens, Jr., Judge Arthur Oldham, Abit Nix, Thomas H. Milner, Jr. and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Bloodworth called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman gave a report of the work accomplished by Board Members since the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Wilson had secured the services of the Sam Smith Company to replace the treads on the steps leading to the second floor of the library. This work had been done at a cost of

Mr. Weir had secured the Auto-book Return and had been charge of having it installed by the City Engineers. Nice publicity had been given to this new service by the Athens and Atlanta newspapers.

The "Julia Moss Day" was observed by the library and a successful occasion had been enjoyed by relatives, friends and citizens of Athens.

The Chairman reported having received the library audit from the State Auditor.

It was reported that several requests had been received from officials of the Clarke County School System asking that the bookmobile visit the schools in the county which are not now being served. It was the opinion of the treasurer that bookmobile service was designed to serve the schools in rural areas rather than urban areas. It was pointed out by the Director that additional staff would have to be employed to give this service and that this would take more funds. Mr. Milner moved that a meeting be arranged which would include Library Board members, school representatives and representatives from the State Department of Education to discuss the proposed service to the schools. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Stephens and carried. The Chairman requested the Director to write to Miss Nix and Miss Jones of the Department of Education and ask them to meet with us.

was read

A letter from Mrs. Nelson Severinghaus asking the Library Board Members to join the American Library Association. Mr. Nix recommended that we consult Miss Lucile Nix before we joined.

The Chairman read a communication from Miss Nix in which she asked that we have influential citizens wire their senators to support the increase of funds allotted in the Library Services Act. Mr. Nix agreed to wire our Senators tomorrow signing three of our members' names, Grace Stephens, B. Richard Bloodworth, Jr. and Judge Arthur Oldham.

The Chairman reported that another room would be rented at the Singleton house at a cost of \$15.00 per month for storage purposes.

The Library Director gave a brief report of the summer activities of the library.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Thwait  
Director and Secretary

September 16, 1958

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education for a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 1958 at 12:30 o'clock.

Those present were: B. Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. Robert Stephens, Abit Nix, Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall, Thomas H. Milner, Jr, Troutman Wilson, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. Marie McHatton Raymond all of the Board. From the State Department of Education were Miss Lucile Nix and Miss Sarah Jones. Representing the Clarke County Schools was Superintendent Sam Wood. From the Regional Library staff were Mrs. Marvin Cawthon and Sarah Maret.

After the luncheon the Chairman, Richard Bloodworth, called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the request from the Clarke County Schools to give bookmobile to the schools of the county not now receiving it.

The Chairman asked the Director to report on the amount of service now being given by the library to the schools of Clarke County. The Director reported that at present full bookmobile service is given to seven schools of the county. Three of these are negro schools. She pointed out that if complete service is to be given to all of the schools of the county, additional staff would have to be added to the present staff of two on the bookmobile. She said that this would require additional funds to pay their salaries.

In the open discussion which followed it was pointed out by the representatives of the State Department of Education that throughout the state, County Boards of Education contributed to the support of bookmobile service when it was received by their schools. Clarke County Board of Education contributes no money to the support of the Regional Library.

It was suggested by Mr. Wood that some plan might be worked out whereby the service now being given in the schools of the county might be reduced in those schools receiving it and that service be extended to all schools so that all might share and share equally.

After much discussion the Chairman said that he would appoint a committee to work on a plan for the additional service which is being sought.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah E. Maret*  
Director and Secretary



December 18, 1958

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the library on Thursday afternoon, December 18 at 5 p.m.

The following were present: Thomas H. Milner, Jr., W.W. Wier, Mrs. Robert Stephens, Troutman Wilson, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall and Sarah Maret.

In the absence of the Chairman, Richard Bloodworth, who was out of town, the meeting was presided over by Troutman Wilson.

The minutes of the meetings of June 24 and September 16 were approved as read.

As a matter of old business it was pointed out that no plans had been formulated for giving bookmobile service to the unserved schools of Clarke County. It was the consensus of opinion that the outlying schools now being served should not have to relinquish any of their service in order that schools within the city limits might receive bookmobile service. Mr. Wilson said that as soon as the new Junior High School building is completed, that space for library purposes might be available in each of the elementary schools. At this time the bookmobile might possibly be able to leave a deposit of books at each school.

Mr. Wilson reported that the fountain in the library garden was almost completed. This work has been accomplished through the combined efforts of the library and the Junior Ladies Garden Club.

The budget for 1959 was presented by the Director. She called attention to the fact that the library had received \$5,508.00 as a special allotment for this year and that it was to be used for rural library purposes. In the budget which had been drawn up it was recommended that the bookmobile driver's salary be paid from this special fund. Salary raises were recommended for some employees of the library. Full time regular locally paid employees would receive \$20.00 per month increase. Other small increases were made in salary. It was pointed out that a bookmobile depreciation fund of \$1500 was set up in the budget. It was questioned as to how we might handle this amount if we remove it from the current operating expenses of the library. Mr. Milner suggested purchasing a bond. No action was taken. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Wier that the budget be adopted. Motion was carried. Miss Maret reported that Mayor Snow came by the library during the afternoon and that she had given him a copy of the budget. However, she felt that he should have a letter from the Chairman, notifying him of the adoption of the budget and asking him for the city appropriation.

It was noted that the library was badly in need of painting. Mr. Wilson asked that Mr. Wier serve as chairman and work with him (Mr. Wilson) to see about getting this work done.

Miss Maret reported that Mr. Singleton had told her that he would have to increase the rent on the room which is used for storage to \$25.00 per month as of January 1. We are now paying \$15.00 per month.

Mr. Milner moved that the library be closed for the holidays, December 24, 25, 26 and January 1 and that a schedule be worked out which would give

additional time to the staff over the Christmas and New Years week end.  
Motion seconded by Mr. Wier and carried.

It was noted by the Director that the terms of three board members expire in January 1959. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Mayor and Council recommending that the three members, Br Richard Bloodworth, Jr. Thomas H. Milner, Jr. and Troutman Wilson be reappointed to the board for a term of five years. Mrs. Mendenhall was asked to do this as she is corresponding secretary.

Mr. Wier moved that the staff be given a salary supplement for the month. The amount is to be the same as was given in previous years (\$25 for full time staff members and \$15.00 for branch library staff.) Motion was seconded by Mr. Milner and carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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